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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

Listening to the American Forum of the Air yesterday, which, by the way was broadcast fom Santa Barbara, served to confirm many our own conclusions on the expulsion of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast states. Congressman Costello, chairman of the subcommittee of the Dies Committee assigned to make a study of the War Relocation Authority, which took over Japanese relocation centers after the War Department had removed them to interior points, led the affirmative, while Cary McWilliams was leader of the negative group which included Professor Radin of the University of California faculty.

Costello, who hails from Hollywood, briefly recited the fact that the Japanese were removed as a matter of military necessity. They had to be removed as a measure of safety to themselves, and to the 10 or 12 million people who reside on the Pacific Coast. He objected to their release from internment unless it were conclusively proved that they were loyal to the United States. At present, the names of those who are released are sent to the FBI for a check. If their names do not appear in their files or if there is no suspicion attaching to them, the Japs are then released to work in the general vicinity of camps.

McWilliams stated that there was a strong suspicion that the entire question was colored by race prejudice. He said there was, in fact, a well defined movement, not only not to return the Japs to the Pacific Coast, but to secure their deportation at war's end to Japan, citizens and aliens alike. He pointed out that such a procedure would imperil the very foundation of our democracy, since once race prejudice gained power, it could be exercised against other racial groups. He acknowledged that military needs were the first consideration, and that as a military measure it was justified, but pointed out that neither before nor after Pearl Harbor have there been any reports of Japanese sabotage in the Hawaiian Islands.

Costello countered with the statement that there had been no attempted invasion of Hawai., that the Japs had made an aerial raid, no land and water attempt to land there. It might have been very different story had such an attack been made, he said. In fact it was a different story in Burma, Malaya, Indo China and in other Pacific countries which harbored large populations of Japanese. There the Jap fifth column did yeoman service.

Of the 126,000 Japanese removed, it was stated by one of the debaters, 70,000 maintained a dual citizenship. McWilliams brushed this off lightly. He said that millions of citizens, including French Americans, maintain a dual citizenshiu. What he feared he said, was the effect this detention of Japanese would have on the third generation of Japanese, the children of American born Japs. They were being made too conscious of their Japanese faces.

All speakers agreed that the Japanese in beng forced to liquidate their property, land and personal effects, had suffered economically, but Costello insisted that those who were really loyal could bear it as one of war's inevitable penalties. He made one statement, however, which we think all patriotic Americans can approve. In visiting the detention camps his committee found invariably that the disloyal, the older, alien Japanese as a rule, dominated tthe entire camp. They were strongly influencing the conduct of the American born. He declared that there should be segregation immediately, with camps established for the subversive group. And with that conclusion of the congressman we heartily concur.

Some of the speakers feared that the controversy now raging. regarding whether or no, the loyal Japanese should be returned now to their homes in California, Oregon, and Washington, had been started by Axis agents in the hope of causing disunity in the United States. This seems a bit far fetched. Among 136 million people, (that's the latest population figure) living together under one flag there are bound to be vast differences of opinion. Frequently these differences boil up into domestic storms, with history revealing no alien provocateur behind the scene. The Japanese have always been a cause if intense irritation in California. We daresay they will be for sometime to come. Time only can bring healing to this dissention which began long before the war.

Gold More In Demand Today Than In Past, Says Maltman

David Maltman, former stock broker, now in the mining business, in an address before the Post War Study Forum in Grass Valley, on the topic: "Relationships of Gold Mining and Gold Mining," declared in effect, that after the war there will be an unprecedented demand for gold as a medium of world exchange.

Mrs. Arletta Douglas, chairman of the forum, presided and introduced the speaker. Maltman said in part:

"If anyone had told us a few years ago that the government would declare gold a nonessential and that the gold mines of this country would be forced to close down by order of a government agency, we would have thought them crazy. In this changing world we are becoming accustomed to many unheard of orders, but, since we are in an ALL OUT WAR, we can take it.

"The demand for gold throughout the world is just as keen today as it ever was with prices ranging from $40 to more than $70 an ounce against our fixed price of $35 an ounce. The United States has lost over $1,155,000,000 of their gold, the greater portion of which occurred this year. The price of gold and silver have both declined in Bombay recently, no doubt due to Great Britian's efforts to halt inflation. There has always been a tendency to hoard gold and silver in China and India. Also the demand for hard money. For this reason, it is well to watch the trend of silver, the part it is destined to play in the post war monetary set up.

"With the worlds gold in the hands of the United States, Great Britain and Russia, and the supply of newly mined gold likewise controlled by the United Nations, there is every reason to believe the future of gold as a medium of exerange and backing for international as well as domestic currency is assured.

"It is believed by well informed people, that an international bank of setlement will be established when peace comes, and that all of the nations will be invited to participate in its operation. To furnish sufficient gold for such an operation, it would be necessary to advance the price of gold to a point commensurate with these demands. For instance, the conquered nations whose resources have been drained by the Axis would have to be re-established on a firm footing to enable them to participate in world trade. This could be accomplished by the United Nations loaning them sufficient gold for deposit with the international bank. thus enabling them to issue currency backed by gold and which would have actual value behind it. Such a move would doubtless carry the price of gold to $140 an ounce, at least.

"Should this policy be followed in working out the post war monetary setup, gold producers would probably be limited as to the price they would receive for their gold, the balance of the increase to accrue to the government. An equitable basis could be worked out, in fact would have to be worked out since the present wage scale of wartime workers is so out of line with the mining scale, prices of materials, supplies, and labor, would have to come down or earnings permitted to increase to strike a balance.

"In a recent presentation of the gold mining problem by Representative Tom Rolph before congress, he referred to a recent trip through part of the Mother Lode district and he read an extract from Chilean dispatch appearing in the New York Herald Tribune, as follows: 'As a concession toward achieving this objective the Metals Reserve Company has agreed to continue purchasing for another year, at least, reasonable quantities of gold, and manganese which the Unied States does not need. Representatives of the Board of Economic Welfare and the Metals Reserve Company explained to the Chilean government that no gold is being mined in the United States, but that as a good neighbor gesture, Washington is willing to continue buying gold from Chilean mines to prevent the serious social and economic problems that would follow the closing of those mines, especially in the northern province of Coquimbo and Atacama.'

"The gold mining camps of the United States have suffered severely from the shutting down of gold mines and the strange art of it is the fact that no specific time after the war has been established for the reopening of these mines. While Grass Valley has been hard hit through the loss of payrolls from the mines, much of this loss has been offset through the soldier population with their families from Camp Beale, who have come here to live.

"'Assuming that gold will still have its place in the economic structure after the war, there is much reason for optimism in the outlook for mining activties in Nevada County. With an advance in the price of gold, there is certain to be a gold rush by prospectors and investors and those seeking a hedge against the inevitable inflation. No mining district in the county offers the possibilities for new discoveries of gold that are apparent in the Grass Valley and Nevada City districts. Some of the mines have been producing continously for more than ninety years, and from available reports, at the time of shutting down mining operations these mines had new ore bodies richer and bigger than at any time in the past. An example of the productivity of such mines is the record of Idaho Maryland, which has produced over thirty million dollars of gold since it was reopened in 1925. According to reports, this production could be doubled from all indications of new ore bodies.

Returning to the thought of post war planning, we must not lose sight of the fact that Russia is destined to come out of this great world struggle as one of the leading industrial countries prepared to establish its place in international trade and as a leading producer of gold.

Three Women Hurt When Car Turns Over

Mrs. Loretta Atkins and Mrs. Minnie Clinton are in the Community Hospital in Grass Valley recovering from fractures suffered when their automobile turned over Wednesday afternoon while they were on their way to work in the laundry night shift. The accident occured when their car struck a soft shoulder in the road that leads from Tahoe Ukiah Highway into the Camp Beale area. Mrs. W. Moller of Nevada City who was driving the car suffered a fractured wrist but returned to her home after the injury was dressed.

Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Atkins were given first aid at Camp Beale and were then brought to the hospital here. Mrs. Atkins was found to have a pelvis fractured in two places, while Mrs. Clonton's left arms was fractured in two places and her wrist broken. The two women are under the care of Harry N. March.

Good Fisherman, Yes, But Poor Business Man

Jerrold Blackburn of Sacramento caught too many fish in Fall Creek above Fuller Lake yesterday. He was arrested last evening by Game Warden Earl Hiscox and brought before Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve and fined $46 or one dollar a fish. This is the third Sacramentan arrested recently by Hiscox for possessing an over-abundance of trout. "If you ask me," said Hiscox, "those Sacramento fellows are good fishermen but poor business men."

George W. Jones Called By Death

George W. Jones, 48, born in Nevada City, passed away this morning after several years of invalidism. He was the son of Mrs. Rose Jones and lived with her at 111 Mill street. He leaves three sons, Ralph Jones in the U. S. Army, Cledeth Jones, master sergeant at Camp Lewis, Washington, and Don Jones, army cook in Belmont, San Mateo County. Funeral arrangements are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vera Wagner, New Grass Valley Life Guard

Mrs. Vera Wagner, Red Cross certified, has agreed to take over the responsibilities of life guard at the Grass Valley municipal swimming pool in Memorial Park. She assumed her new duties yesterday and suceeds Thomas Hocking, who resigned to enter war industries in the San Francisco bay area.

Mrs. Wagner will remain in charge through August and hopes to continue as life guard until the pool closes in September, or just before schools reopen in October.

Annual Salvation Army Drive Raises $1330 Fund

Adjutant Helena Sainsbury, in charge of the Salvation Army work in Nevada county announces that the annual drive has been concluded with a total amount raised in the county of $1330.

$335 has been contributed by those living in Nevada City and the adjutant would like to thank all those who have given. As previously announced twenty five per cent of this amount will be spent on a Nevada City project. The money is on hand and the project will be announced at a later date.

Harvest Volunteers Hampered by Gas Rules

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17.—The Wartime Harvest Council reports that a few camps are operating but the season appears to be late and the really heavy demands for Victory Food workers will not occur until about August first. In preparing for its busy season, the council has been endeavoring to obtain the establishment of a simplified procedure by which harvest workers may obtain gasoline for their automobiles for transportation to the harvest fields. The present system is impracticable and makes it impossible for many volunteers to reach the fields.

Forest Service Helps Camp Beale Trainees

Finding areas in the Tahoe National Forest exceptionally well suited to the application of training in tactical problems, various units from Camp Beale, and Camp Kohler have been using these areas of the forest for this purpose for the past month and will continue to do so until late fall. The Tahoe supervisors office in Nevada City is of assistance to the men in charge of the training group. They furnish the commanding officers with data on ground cover, topography, water resources, roads and accessibility of the areas made use of by the training groups. Mile long convoys are a familiar and interesting sight to the citizens in the region.

New Plant Added to U. C. Collection

BERKELEY, July 19—Just arrived from the battle zone in the South Pacific, a long sought and rare relative of the tobacco plant, Nicotina fragrans has been added to the botanical garden on the Berkeley campus of the University of California.

In spite of war and agression, scientific collecting goes on near the war areas. The seed of the new specimen came from the Isle of Pines, a small island south of New Caledonia, announced Dr. T. H. Goodspeed, professor of botany and director of the botanical garden. It was obtained through the cooperation of the Bishop Museum of Honolulu and a retired professor of College Lo Peronse in Noumea.

The plants in the extensive collection in the University garden, which range from the modern tobacco plants of commerce to million year old relatives, are of commercial importance, Dr. Goodspeed states, because it is often possible by means of cross breeding to reintroduce wild vigor into cultivated plants which have lost strength and disease resistance through long cultivation.

GRASS VALLEY RECREATION CENTER OPENS

The Grass Valley Recreation Center for 'teen-age youths, was formally opened in the Phillips Building on East Main street Saturday evening.

Several hundred Grass Valleyans, adults and younger people had gathered within the center when Matt DePauli, Jr. general chairman for the youth committee, voiced brief words of welcome and introduced Howard F. Bennetts, Past Commander of the American Legon, who led in the salute to the flag.

A silk flag was presented to the Recreatton Center by Mrs. Ollie Phillips of Richardson street in memory of her grandson, First Lieutenant Reid Shurtleff a native of Grass Valley who served his country and was wounded in the Philippine campaign and last month died in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

William Goggins, Boy Scout commissioner delivered a congratulatory address. William Wilson, principal of the Grass Valley high school and president of the Lions Club, unable to be present, sent a message which was delivered by Miss Norma Gallino, secretary treasurer of the committee, Vernon Stoll, president of the Grass Valley chamber of commerce, felicitated the city council on its progressive step.

Mayor Trathen declared that the city council had studied the youth problem thoroughly before deciding to spend the tax payers money for a center. Rev. Mark Pike gave a brief talk on youth in a democracy. The program closed with a salute to the flag.

Admission to the center will be by membership card only and open to youngsters of 'teen age in Grass Valley public schools and Mt. St. Marys' Academy.

WILLIAM BECK BORNE TO REST

Clifton Beck, 43, who passed away at the University of California Hospital in San Francisco last Friday, was borne to rest in the Catholic Cemetery, following services at nine o'clock this morning in St. Patrick's Church, Grass Valley. Rev. William Horgan officiated. The obsequies were in charge of Hooper and Weaver Mortuary.

Beck was born in Relief Hill, Nevada County, attended the district school there, but later removed to Grass Valley where he was employed as a miner in the North Star. For a number of years he was a mining contractor. He was an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Mrs. Mae Beck, two sons, Clifton and Arley Beck, all of Grass Valley, his mother Mrs. Blanche Beck, Gold Flat, brothers, Fred Beck of Grass Valley, Ernest Beck of Johnsville, sisters, Mrs. Annie Pezzelia, Johnsville, Mrs.. Fred Haynes, New castle, Placer County, and Mrs. Lester Nugent, Oakland.

Walter Williams is recovering from a tonsilectomy performed at the Nevada City Sanitarium Thursday. He had gone to his home in the Glen Brook Heights section to recuperate.

Mrs. Willis E. Keithley of Salem, Oregon, is enjoying a visit with Mrs. Joe St. Hilaire of West Broad street. Her husband, Pvt. Willis Keithley is in training at Camp Kohler near Sacramento.

Ed M. Martine left today for Sierraville where he will be employed by the Tahoe National Forest.

FORMER COUNTY TREASURER IS CALLED

The flag flies at half mast over the court house today honoring the memory of Frank Steel, retired Nevada County treasurer, with a public service record of 35 years who died at his home in Grass Valley Saturday morning.

Illness which brought about the resignation of the former county treasurer and tax collector a year ago, continued in the year following his retirement, gradually took strength and endurance.

Steel died on the date of his 70th birthday. He was a native of Grass Valley, born July 17, 1873. Steel sent his entire life in Grass Valley. At one time he was actively engaged in the men's furnishing business of Bennetts and Steel, well known Mill street business house today.

He was named deputy county clerk in 1907, contnuing to 1926, when he succeeded William Garland as county treasurer and tax collector, a position he held for 16 years.

Steel retired in 1942 and has been confined to his home since that time.

In 1915 Steel and the former Miss Annie Bennetts were married. Mrs. Steel survives as does a son, First Lieutenant Richard Steel, USA. Fort Wright, Washington.

Other family members are two sisters, Mrs. Joe Bennetts, Grass Valley and Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, Sacramento; a brother, Thomas Steel, Sacramento.

The deceased was a life member of Grass Valley Lodge of Elks, a long time and active member and former officer of Grass Valley Aerie of Eagles and a member of the Nevada County Foresters.

The body lies at the Hooper-Weaver Mortuary, Inc., South Church street, with funeral arrangements awaiting the arrival of Lieutenant and Mrs. Steel, son and daughter in law.

LITTLE GLORIA CHANDLER IS MOURNED

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Hooper and Weaver Mortuary chapel, Grass Valley, for nine year old Gloria Joy Chandler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chandler, who died when her brother Jimmie, aged seven, shot her with a 38 calibre revolver he had found in the attic of the Chandler home at the Lava Cap Mine. Mrs. M. Allen, Christian Scientist conducted the service. The accident occured at 8:50 a. m. Friday.

The gun discharged with the slug striking the girl low in the throat, piercing the body and coming out at the left shoulder. One of the large arteries was severed for the young girl died within a few minutes and before the arrival of Dr. Orvin Fry who was rushed from the Jones Memorial Hospital by Officer Carl Kitts of the California Highway Patrol. Deputy Sheriff George De Soto and Coroner Alvah Hooper investigated the circumstances of the shooting.

Charles Gibson p,ersonnel director and foreman at the Lava Cap mine, assisted Mrs. Chandle with the injured girl and gave first aid treatment, also telephoning for the local medcal man and an ambulance.

The husband and father, John Chandler, former Lava Cap mine executive and now in charge of Lava Cap coppe operations at the Keystone mine, near Copperopolis, Tuolumne county, was informed by telephone of the tragedy and drove to this city.

Gloria Joy was born in Nevada City and was nine years of age July 1.

Other family members are the parents, John and Marion Chandler and the two sons, Jimmie and John.

The body was cremated at East Lawn Cemetery in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Baker of Sacramento arrived Sunday to spend a week's vacation with Mrs. Minnie Young. She is the forme Miss Wilma Mieje of this city. Both are employed in war work in the Sacramento district.

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JUST WONDERIN'

I wonder, gracious land,
Wherein from strand to strand,
Sweet Freedom walks,
When we our tributes bring,
Voiced in glad songs that ring,
How loudly some may sing,
"I love thy rocks."

I wonder who first applied the pet name "rocks" to clinking collections of American dollars. It is a peculiar term for the coin we love to touch, but not more so than mazuma, dough, kale and several others with which we are quite familiar. It surevly has a sturdy, dependable sound. I don't mind calling my dollars rocks, do you?

The love of money, which we are told, is the root of all evil, lurks to a greater or less degree in almost every human heart; but when it reduces one's appreciation of a beloved hymn to four little words, danger signals should be flown.

It is disturbing to realize that there are those who place a distorted meaning upon the words, "I love thy rocks," and think only of ill gotten gains as they sing; but such seems to be the case.

There are those, and may their tribe decrease, who betray their country for a few besmirched pieces of silver. There are industrialists, who destroy every small competitor who invade their territory, falsify records and resort to other shady "tricks of the trade" in order to further their own advantages and add to their accumulations of wealth. There are manufacturers who use faulty materials in the production of essential war necessities, and workers who quit the job and boast that their retroactive emoluments will repay them for time lost. To these people and others of their ilk, America is simply a field for exploitation. They care little for her rugged shores and sunlit plains, her flashing streams and smiling cities. To them a rill is just a trickle of water running down hill, a "templed hill", merely a stand of merchantable timber. In their confused brains, values are perverted and meanings twisted and that is why we know what they are thinking when they sing, "I love thy rocks."

I wonder if I was mistaken in my estimate of the new anti-strike law. Some of the teeth, which I thought were sound, now appear to be hollow; there are also indications of faulty bridge work and shifting partial plate, which the supreme court acting in the capacity of dental surgeon, may find it necessary to readjust or perhaps, eliminate entirely. I'm afraid I erred in thinking the new law might stand up under close scrutiny.

Uncle Silas says: "Perhaps the number of annoying strikes might be decreased if extraretroactivity were outlawed. And I'm hoping that President Franklin will keep on swinging his big stick until it comes in contact with the head of John Lewis."—A. Merriam Conner.

THE WOMEN JOIN UP!

Since the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps has been authorized by congress to strike the word "auxiliary" from its title, and has been constituted as a regular branch of the United States Army, it is reported that enlistments have picked up tremendously. And it is announced that the Women's Army, which now has an enrollment of only a little more than 65,000, may be expanded to 600,000 members by fall, when it will attain full military status.

Commentators in the women's magazines will doubtless make great point of the fact that the women, having attained "equal rights" in the Army, are now showing a new disposition to join up and do their part to relieve men who are needed at the front. But more important to the country as a whole is the fact that the sudden spurt in feminine enlistments may avert the drafting of tens of thousands of fathers, who otherwise would have been called up for service this fall.

Heretofore, the women have contended, they were considered by the public as a sort of glorified kitchen police—a status which they vigorously protested. Now they are to have the same rights—end except for fighting—the same duties as men wearing the same uniform. While we hope that the day never comes when American women will be called upon to fight in the lines as Russian women are doing, we are glad that the term WAACS has been shortened to WACS—and that the ladies, having won their point, are joining up in rapidly increasing numbers.

We can't imagine what effect this will have on the American Legion conventions of the future, when the ladies turn out in full regalia to swap yarns and share honors with the men, but perhaps it will give new zest to such reunions. At any rate, thousands of men with families will be permitted to stay home and take care of their own because the Women's Army was permitted to attain full stature.

WILL NOT FORGET

It is often said that war is harder for those who remain behind than for those who go. Millions are now experiencing the sleepless nights, the ceaseless worry of remaining at home while others go to war. No small source of concern over loved ones in the service is the fear that they may not receive proper medical care. This can be dispensed with. The men in military service are receiving the best that medical science can give them.

In reviewing the military medical record of the first year after Pearl Harbor, the American Medical Journal says: "During the year the only serious incident from a medical point of view was the jaundice associated with inoculation against yellow fever. The first week of February, 1943, found a typical pneumonia and meningitis most prominent of the infectious diseases but even these were scattering with a few cases here and there and only a score or slightly more of cases of either in the few camps most seriously affected. Since January, 1941, and up to now, excluding battle casualties, the death rate has been the lowest in the history of our Army. During World War I, one patient of each three with meningitis died; now only one in 20 dies. Prompt diagnosis, efficient care and sulfanoamides have made the difference.

The American public owes a debt of gratitude to the medical men that it will never be able to fully repay. The countless thousands of men who will return after the war, thanks to the skill of doctors serving in the front lines, will not forget that debt.

"DIAMOND DICK" GOES WEST

At a time when new American aces are being born almost daily, and when news dispatches tell a continuous story of their expert marksmanship and their daring exploits, the death of that fabulous character, "Diamond Dick", might escape attention, except for the fact that some of us are incurably romantic.

Dr. Richard Tanner, 74, better known to America as "Diamond Dick", whose amazing feats of marksmanship electrified countless audiences at Wild West shows before the turn of the century, died quietly, with his boots off, at Norfolk, Nebraska, last week. There was nothing colorful about his death; it was very mundane, indeed. But to oldsters, who adventured with him vicariously in the years gone by, his passing marked the end of an era.

When he was in his early twenties, "Diamond Dick" saddled a horse at Lincoln, Neb., and rode it to New York and back—5,500 miles, the longest horseback ride on record. Then he toured the Wild West circuit—and his "wing shots" became the talk of the nation. "'Diamond Dick" had everything that tired business men wanted—and that farm lads aspired to. And he became the great American legend.

"Diamond Dick" is gone—and how the pulp paper magazines will miss him. But if he was conscious to the last, he probably died smiling, knowing that even as he passed into eternity other "Diamond Dicks" were blazing a trail of hot lead over Europe and the islands of the Pacific. Actually, "Diamond Dick" will always be with us, as long as we are a young nation, with all that it takes to defend our borders. We imagine "Diamond Dick" knew that as he cahsed in his checks and that he was happy in the knowledge.

CALIFORNIA FARMER LEADS THE NATION

For the first time in history, the state's annual cash farm income exceeded one billion dollars in the past year, according to the ledger.

Reason: California farmers, in spite of almost insuperable handicaps, have stepped up their production to feed millions more than in ordinary years. Their produce daily goes to the commissary departments of every branch of the armed services and to production centers feeding great new concentrations of war workers.

The 31 per cent "hike" in income shows mainly in the fruit, vegetable, grain and citrus brackets which account for 66 per cent of the increase. Livestock and livestock products make up 32.6 per cent of it and government payments 1.26 per cent.

On paper the figures look rosy. Actually the farmer still is struggling in the maelstrom of increased production expense, curtailed transportation, machinery shortage and a minimum of labor at a maximum of cost. He has made his remarkable showing by his own dogged toil, along with that of his farm family—and by his determination to produce the food Uncle Sam needs. He is still in a comparable position with the teacher and other professional workers whose costs have soared along with everybody else's. but whose real earnings have not gone up a whit.

The farmer is due a vote of thanks, for even in these difficult times he is still maintaining one of California's produest "firsts"—as leader of all the nation in farm produce.

BLOCKADE TO VICTORY

In time of peace and friendly interchange among nations, foreigners often have smiled indulgently at the average American's disposition to see the bright side of things. In time of peace Americans can afford to enjoy the Polyanna title of "the most optimistic people on earth," for good cheer and happy hopefulness are excellent qualities in their place.

One wonders, however, if the habit of unthinking optimism isn't a bit outmoded for war time. The general expectation of early victories and cheap ones is too prevalent to discount. Recent authoritative surveys indicate the American people are yet not thinking in terms of major sacrifice—and bettors have begun to give high odds on a short war.

That government and military leaders consider the trend a highly dangerous one is apparent. Secretary of the Navy Knox, speaking to San Francisco bay area leaders gathered at the Paace Hotel on his recent trip to the Pacific Coast, admitted that the allies now have the initiative in the Japanese war. But possession of the initiative," he warned, "does not mean that the war is won or that victory is just around the corner.

"There is nothing that would warrant any such optimism! The enemy, both east and west, is still in possession of bulk of his strength!"

Light-hearted optimism is a splendid character trait, normally. But too much of it in war time—so much that it persuades people that their individual war effort is not needed—is an unthinking blockade to victory, a dangerous weapon against our own fighting forces.

SAN FRANCISCO PACIFIC COAST WOOL CENTER

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17—Further strengthening San Francisco's position as a leading Pacific Coast wool port, Pacific Wool Growers, a non-profit producers' cooperative organization, has leased a large warehouse here for the storage and appraisal of California wool, the municipal Regional Service Committee announced today.

Government appraisers are already at work at the warehouse, appraising wool consigned by California sheepmen to Pacific Wool Growers, which has been designated an official "wool handler" under the new federal program which makes the government the only wool buyer in the country.

A sizeable portion of the 25,000,000 pound California wool clip is expected to pass through the local warehouse this year; some of it to be shipped elsewhere on government order and some to be stored at the warehouse. Bruce Strachan is in charge of the local plant with Arlan Schantol in the field for Pacific Wool Growers in California-Nevada territory.

While Portland, Ore., ranks as the coast's leading wool port, San Francisco has been gaining stature in this respect in recent ears and hopes to equal or surpass the northern city after the war. Last fall, nearly a million pounds of wool was disposed of at the city's first wool auction. San Francisco has one of the coast's two custom wool-scouring plants. The California Wool Growers Association has made this city its headquarters for nearly a quarter century, and holds its annual conventions here every year. The new warehouse facilities are regarded as another step toward complete service for the wool growing industry at San Francisco.

San Francisco and Los Angeles were first connected by railroad via the San Joaquin Valley in 1876; the coast raiload was not completed until 1901.

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FROM NEVADA COUNTY USDA WAR BOARD

SPUD SHORTAGE EASED

Heavy movement of early potatoes to market has wiped out the shortage of ths commodity which plagued consumers during the spring months when unfavorable weather slowed down the harvest in southern states. Shipments from Central California, as well as the south, are now coming in and supplies are plentiful, despite large military purchases.

Because early potatoes are not suitable for long storage, the War Food Administration is urging consumers to increase their use to prevent a possible loss through spoilage. Victory gardeners are advised not to harvest their potatoes until fully mature, especially in view of the current abundance of commercial supplies.

"LEAFY" VEGETABLES PLANTING URGED

Growers of fall and early winter vegetables for the fresh market are urged to give preference to potatoes, cabbage, kale, spinach and other green leafy vegetables. WFA and OUA are re-examining ceiling prices for winter vegetables with a view to permitting adequate returns to growers of vegetables important to the nation's food supply, while at the same time avoiding type of speculative increases which developed in some vegetable prices during the past season.

WFA warns that growers should guard against using the past season's speculative prices as a guide to future prices.

MORE CALIFORNIA PIGS

The California pig population is increasing rapidly, according to the report of the federal state crop reparting service, which shows a 1943 spring pig crop of 570,000 head, which is 6 per cent above the figure for a year ago and 29 per cent above the 10 year (1932-41) average. Expansion has been general throughout the state, especially on smaller farms.

Larger marketings of California hogs than a year ago may be expected, according to the report, and intentions expressed by farmers indicate a heavy fall pig crop. Uncertainties in the outlook for feed supplies and other factors may result in fewer pigs than indicated by the report, however. Growers are urged to hold pig numbers in line with available feed supplies.

REFRIGERATION CHARGES OUT

Effective July 5, producers and shippers of fresh fruits and vegetables will save 10 per cent of present refrigeration charges, as a result of a recommendation by the National Perishable Freight Committee. A reduction of 25 per cent was proposed in the recommendation, which follows an order by the interstate commission on June 18 which instructed railroads to publish "reasonable and just" charges for half stage icing.

PROTEIN FEED STILL CRITICAL

In spite of supplies of new crop linseed meal from Imperial Valley and the prospect of increasing supplies from other areas as the harvest season progresses, the supply of high protein concentrates to feed the record number of livestock and poultry now on farms and ranches will continue to be critical, according to information received by the USDA War Board.

All livestock and poultry producers have been urged to use the minimum amount of protein concentrates consistent with efficient feeding and to utilize home-grown feeds, especially lagume hay and forage, to the fullest extent possible.

Department of Agriculture officials point out that in some cases, the use of protein supplements can be eliminated entirely. For example, very satisfactory beer can be produced from good pasture when supplemented with grain. It has also been pointed out that feeding value of hay depends on cutting it at the proper stage of growth and then curing and storing it properly.

BITS AND PIECES

Marvin Jones, new War Food Administrator, served for many years as chairman of the House Agricultural Committee during his 23 year term of office as congressman from Texas. Approximately 15 per cent of the corn supply is now going into industrial war purposes, such as chemicals, explosives and medical supplies. A further increase in dry bean acreage is in prospect for 1944. Due to increase in wheat parity price as of June 15, all wheat loan rates have been increased one cent per bushel.

TOO MANY PIGS

So well have farmers nationally responded to requests for increased production of pigs that there is a danger that the hog population is liable to outrun the feed supply. Prospective fall farrowings are 21 per cent above a year ago for the nation as a whole and 24 per cent higher for western states, as compared with a requested increase of 15 per cent. It is believed that any increase above 15 per cent would be out of line with available feed supplies.

Experiments by the Department of Agriculture show that supplemental feeding with high protein concentrate!s is unecomonical in view of the present protein feed situation, and that feed can be converted most economically to pork if pigs are sold at weights not higher than 225 pounds.

It is pointed out that farmers' living and production costs mounted with income during the last war's boom, and failed to fall proportionately when farm prices collapsed. The result was that many farmers found they had to pay double, in terms of real income, for debts that had been contracted during the period of high prices.

HOME DEHYDRATORS PLANNED

Easy, economical and space-saving dehydration has gained full recognition as a practical method of home food preservation in the program to manufacture and distribute 100,000 home dehydrators, recently announced by the War Production Board. The announcement said critical materials for these units would be taken from the third quarter allotments to the War Food Administration and that production and distribution plans are being worked out by WPB and WFA.

NO BOOM YET, BUT—

Although farm land values have not yet reached the "boom" stage which led to catastrophe in 1941, they have increased rapidly enough to remind farmers to keep their financial houses in order. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that the index of farm land values stood at 99 on March 1, 1943, compared with 91 on the same date in 1942, 95 in 1941 and a low of 83 in 1933.

One factor preventing inflationary land prices, according to BAE, is that farmers are devoting a considerable amount of their incomes to reducing mortgage debts instead of increasing them as was the tendency in the last war. Farm mortgages were paid off approximately three times as fast in 1942 as for the average of the three previous years. Another factor is that prices received by farmers have not increased at the rate they did in World War I, when the average price of farm products climbed to the fanstastic figure of 213 percent of pre-war levels.

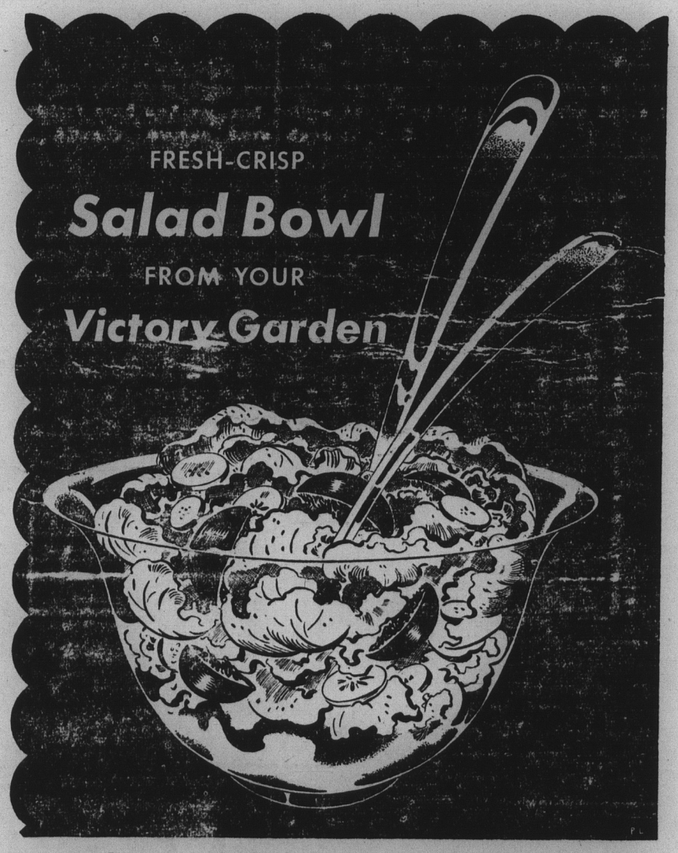
MORE FERTILIZER AVAILABLE

More chemical fertilizer will be available for the 1943-44 planting season than ever before, but certain lines will be short and demands for war food production will bo so high that a distribution order has been issued to put supplies where they will do the most good. Crops which are most important to war food production and those which respond best to fertilization will receive the highest priority.

Supplies of chemical nitrogen are highest in history, about a third higher than last year; phosphate supplies will be higher; and potash will be somewhat shorter than it has been this year.

BITS AND PIECES

The U. S. civilian population is consuming 10 per cent more food than during the five year period before Pearl Harbor. Several California manufacturers are beginning the large scale production of non-metallic fruit picking buckets to relieve the shortage of galvanized metal. WFA is holding a public meeting in Washington July 21 to consider the advisability of enriching all white flour with important vitamins and minerals. All commercially baked white pan bread is already enriched, end enriched flour is available to all consumers.



A Meal Nutritionally Right for Summer Days

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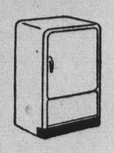
JUST as you wear summer-weight clothes to feel fit and comfortable, try light weight, nutritionally right meals. Such a meal would be a Victory Garden Salad Bowl. Fresh-picked leafy-green vegetables, crispy radishes, firm tomatoes, pungent onions and other vegetables, crispy-chilled in your refrigerator and then tossed till all are coated with a fresh-mixed salad dressing. Ah, there is a summer meal that is crunchy, satisfying eating.

HERE is a great secret to it all! Harvest just what you need and no more for a brimming salad bowl. Waste no minutes in putting your Victory Garden plucking right into your refrigerator. There is little Vitamin C loss that way. Your dependable refrigerator will see to that, especially if you have kept it cleaned and oiled and in good repair. But if your refrigerator is not working just right—and you can't remedy it, tell your refrigerator repair dealer about it. He'll be glad to advise you.



VICTORY SALAD BOWL
½ head lettuce broken into 1½ inch pieces
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 tomatoes, cut in eighths
1 cup chopped celery ⅓ cup choppea onion
½ cup sliced radishes 1 cup chopped cucumber
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper
1 clove finely chopped garlic

VICTORY DRESSING
½ teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon dry mustard ¼ teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons vinegar ½ cup salad oil
Mix salt, pepper and paprika in salad bowl with 1 tablespoon salad oil. Then add remaining oil and vinegar and blend well with fork. Add salad vegetables and toss. Serves 6 to 8 persons.

THESE SUMMER MONTHS is the time when Victory Garden crops will be producing bountifully. Do not waste any of this fine, fresh food. Have salads in variety. Serve quick-cooked vegetable plates. And when a garden row of vegetables becomes depleted, start digging anew and planting anew for crop rotations right through late summer, fall and winter. You will be surprised how it will cut down your food bills too!

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fit. He doesn't make liquor, for he can't get the materials for the still or the ingredients for alcohol; but he makes his presence felt by peddling after hours, and violating every other standard of ethics that distinguish a well regulated and orderly conducted business from the liquor business characterized by chiseling, cheating and a disregard for its own future.

The latest detestible practice that has developed and has been reported to this office numerous times is the deliberate "clipping" of our men in uniform who are being overcharged by package goods licenses. Due to the present shortage of liquor stocks, since all the distilleries of the country have been coverted into industrial alcohol plants, certain package goods licensees have removed their posted prices from shelves containing their merchandise and overcharge the customer. Instances have been reported where soldiers and sailors have been charged as much as four and five dollars a pint for whiskey which ordinarily sells at retail for half that amount.

The practice has grown to such an extent that I have asked all our liquor control admnistrators to gather evidence and make a report to me of those unpartiotic licensees who operate such nefarious clip-joints.

Francis O'Connor Called By Death

Funeral services will be held in St. Canice Church tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock for the late Francis Patrick O'Connor, who passed away Saturday morning at the Nevada County Hospital. The obsequies are in charge of Holmes Funeral Home.

O'Connor was 87 years of age and was born in Philadelphia. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bergen O'Connor came to California when he was a young child, by way of the Panama Isthmus and settled at Birchville, Nevada County. As there were no public schools in Northern California at that time, he received his education in a private school. During his younger days he engaged in mining but as he grew older he turned to farming.

The following brothers and sisters survive, Misses Catherine O'Connor of Birchville, Miss Lucy O'Connor of Sacramento, Arthur T. and Miss Theresa O'Connor of Birchville, Raymond C. O'Connor of Sacramento and Mrs. Margaret E. Madden of Birchville.

ONLY A TENTH

A husky young man, charged with assault and battery, stoutly maintained that he had merely pushed the plaintiff "a little bit."

The prosecutor insisted upon a more specific testimony. "Well, about how hard?"

"Oh, just a little bit," repeated the defendant.

"Now," said the exasperated attorney, "for the benefit of the judge and jury, please step down here and with me for the subject, illustrate how hard you mean."

Realizing that the witness was in a rather trying position, the prosecutor thought the young man would perhaps overdo the matter to get back at him, and thus incriminate himself.

The defendant promptly descended, approached the attorney, slapped him in the face, kicked him on the shins, seized him bodily, and finally with a great display of strength, lifted the surprised individual from the floor and threw him across a table.

Then facing the court he explained gently:

"Your honor, and gentlemen, about one-tenth that hard."

WARNS AGAINST NEW TYPE OF BOOTLEGGER

The 1943 version of the 1933 bootlegger is a strange figure. In 1933 he was known as an unlicensed mobster dealing in an untaxed product and considered by many as a natural barnacle on the body of society, and viewed as a necessary evil and the result of an error of society. Webster's dictionary defines a bootlegger as "one who provides liquor for and sells to others in violation of the law."

Today the bootlegger, by force of circumstances, deals in taxpaid liquor but cut all the other corners for pro-

Personals

Dr. John R. Bell, Nevada City dentist, has enlisted in the service of his country and will report to Ft. Douglass, Utah, on July 27th. He will be commissioned a first lieutenant. The best wishes of the entire community go with him.

Del Larsen, stationed at Camp Cook, Southern California, spent a few hours home on furlough last week end. His parents, Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Carl Larsen motored to San Francisco with him Sunday evening in order to get him back to camp early Monday morning.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ELECTION

The annual election of the Nevada City Fire Deartment to elect a chief and assistant chief will be held at the Nevada City Hall on July 26th, 1943, between the hours of 6 and 8 p. m.

Election Officers — Clerks: Miles Coughlin and Carl Larsen; Judges: Al Bates and Vernon Sandow.

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TOTTEN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Funeral services for the late Harvey McVean, 40, took place at two o'clock yesterday afternoon in Grass Valley. His alleged slayer, William (Bill) Totten, 52, was formally charged with murder in a complaint filed in the Grass Valley township court late Friday afternoon by District Attorney Ward Sheldon.

The funeral services were conducted in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary chapel.

The murder complaint was signed by Deputy Sheriff Carl Larsen of Nevada City, to whom Totten surrendered after the shooting.

McVean was shot and killed shortly after 7 p. m. Thursday, July 15, in the rear yard of the home of Mrs. Mary Field, 82, Maryland road, Hills Flat, assertedly by William (Bill) Totten, 52 year old disabled World War I veteran. Totten when he surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Larsen at the Nevada County Courthouse admitted the shotting.

The McVean services were held at the chapel of the Holmes-Hooper Funeral Home on South Church street, with Rev. Mark Pike, Methodist Church minister in charge. Burial was in Elm Ridge cemetery.

Totten who is declared eccentric by neighbors and suffers from permanent injuries sustained in the previous World War, including a broken back, which never properly healed, declared in a formal statement before District Attorney Ward Sheldon and Court Reporter Miles tion from the district attorney, he was unable to obtain any satisfaction from the district attorney, "he decided to take matters in his own hands."

This statement alludes to a violent dislike by Totten toward McVean, close personal friend of long standing of Mrs. Field. an aunt of Totten and who (McVean) with his wife had been kind to her in her frailty, blindness and advanced years.

Totten, it is reported by Mrs. Field and neighbors, labored under the misconception that Mrs. Field intended to leave her Hills Flat property to McVean. On the other hand, Totten, the nephew of the deceased women, had been endeavoring for months to (1) have her placed in the Nevada County Hospital and (2) have her commtted to a state hospital. Mrs. Field's condition did not warrant either of these alternatives.

The alleged slayer on the afternoon of the day before he pointed his 410 guage shotgun at McVean and shot him through the left side, high on the breast appeared at District Attorney Sheldon's office and again requested that Mrs. Field be named a county or state ward and that McVean be restricted from giving her advice and council. Totten was informed that Mrs. Field was capable of handling her own business. He then was alleged to have said that he would kill McVean.

In his sworn statement yesterday he repeated in substance that declaration in affirming that he was unable to obtain "satisfaction" from the district attorney and decided to "take matters in his own hands."

Thursday night he met McVean in Mrs. Field's home and ordered him from the house with the assertion that he was going to kill both McVean and his aunt. The fatal shot was fired in a few minutes later. Totten in his statement Friday however laid the basis for a possible self-defense plea in the ensuing trial.

McVean was 40 years of age July 2. He spent his early life in Minnesota and Wisconsin and his later years in the west. He and his wife, who survives, Mrs. Hary McVean, were married at Nevada City in 1932.

McVean was a structural steel worker and in recent years was employed at Pearl Harbar and more recently in Utah. He returned from war production work in Utah on Tuesday last week. The deceased man was a member of the Boilermaker's Union and the Structural Iron Workers Union.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sisters, two brothers; Mrs. John Rohlik, Birchwood, Wis., Mrs. John Thrasher, Stone Lake, Wis., Mrs. J. J. Manford, Cathedral City, California and Sidney McVean, Alaska, and Frank McVean, Wisconsin.

The following statements were made by Totten, the district attorney, and Mrs. Mary Fields, aunt of Totten.

Totten interviewed in jail said in substance: "I did not want McVean hanging around my aunt's house. I warned him I wouldn't stand for it. I went in there last night with my shotgun and ordered him out. He called be a "blowhard" after we got out in the yard, and I shot hm. I did not think I had killed him. He was just trying to muscle in on my aunt. He is bigger than I am and when he started to hit me in the yard I had to shoot him in self defense. Self defense is what it was. Just yesterday (Wednesday) I went to see the district attorney and asked him to warn McVean away from my aunt's house. He wouldn't do anything."

District Attorney Ward Sheldon: "Yes, Totten did come in to see me, not once, but several times. He has been trying to get his aunt, Mrs. Fields, committed to state hospital. But I could find no ground for it. It seemed to me, at least I suspected, he was trying to get hold of her property. He came in to see me Wednesday and wanted me to write or to see McVean and warn him away from his aunt's house. I did not see that I had any right to order the man to stay away. The preliminary hearing will be before Justice of the Peace Charles Morehouse in Grass Valley next week.

Mrs. Mary Field: I was sitting in the kitchen Thursday evening talking with Mr. McVean, when Will (Totten) came busting in with his shot gun. He ordered McVean out of the house. "Get out of here" he said. McVean was standing up and Will acted as if he were going to shoot him then and there. I gave Will a shove so that his gun would have gone off into the ceiling if he had shot. McVean went out and said as he left, "I'll be back." They went out to the back yard and had more words, but I did not hear what they said. I heard a shot and walked out of the house toward one of the neighbors.

ARMY CALLS FOR SPEED IN NURSE TRAINING

BERKELEY, July 17. — Nurses must be prepared more rapidly to supply the needs of the armed forces according to Miss Margaret A. Tracy, director of the School of Nursing on the Beerkeley and San Francisco campuses of the University of California.

Schools of nursing all over the country must rise to the challenge, Miss Tracy maintained, and streamline their curricula. This must not be done at the expense of preparation in such fields as preventive medicine, industrial hygiene, orthopedic nursing or mental health. Lowering the standards of admission to schools of nursing, as has been done in many cases recently, is a real threat to the progress and structure of nursing. Likewise there is a grave danger in placing too much emphasis on the student nurse as a chief bearer of the nursing service of the hospitals.

Training of Red Cross nurses' aides has shown that the nursing technique on which a student normally spends seventy-five per cent of the time can be mastered in a relatively short period by intelligent individuals. There are differences of opinion as to how much time should be required in practice in the various clinical fields. By shortening the interval in each it might be possible to save as much as one year in the nursing course, she says.

CALIFORNIANS PLANT 883,413 VICTORY GARDENS

BERKELEY, July 19.—The Home Food Production Campaign waged by the University of California Agricultural Extension Service has reached the greatest total ever known in California, according to B. H. Crocheron, director of Agricultural Extension, who today summarized the results of the home gardeners in the state during the spring and summer months.

Home Victor gardens totaled 813-13, or one for more than each of a third of all the families of Californiia. In addition there are 74,005 backyard poultry flocks with 840,-500 birds, and 22,968 backyard rabbit hutches with 64,650 does.

These results were compiled from a survey made by the university's farm advisors throughout the state. In waging this campaign, the farm advisors held 2,120 meetings and gave 292 radio talks on the Victory garden campaign. More than 380 California newspapers have cooperated in presenting Victory garden material prepared by the university. The greatest demand ever known for the university's publications, according to Director Crocheron, has been for the leaflets which tell how to grow gardens and other home food supplies. More than 1,105,000 of these leaflets have been distributed free since November 1.

County and community committees, organized during the last year in 351 communities, will carry on during the coming season. At present, however, the attention of the state is directed to the harvest of the commercial crops of California which are 10 per cent of the nation's food supply. "Town and city people," according to Professor Crocheron, "are needed in the crop harvest."

RATION FACTS FOR CONSUMERS

By MRS. H. E. KJORLIE, LOCAL BOARD

GAS COUPON BOOKS — The application forms for the renewal of the basic mileage Ration "A" or "D" books can be gotten at the local service statons or garages. Mail them to the City Hall with your tire inspection record and the back cover of the present "A" or "D" book.

Beginning July 22 gasoline coupons must be endorsed with the license number and state of registration. Motorists are required to endorse at once coupons in the new ration books. "TT" coupons issued for fleet or official vehicles should bear the fleet designation, or the Certificate of War Necessity number in the case of commercial vehicles not bearing fleet designations, and the city and state in which the principal office of the fleet operator is located.

SHOES—A limited quantity of obsolete and odd lot shoes may be sold to consumers ration free during the two week period July 19 through July 31. Dealers will be required to use the words "OPA Odd-Lot Release" in any notice or advertisement.

TIRES—The local board's tire supply was reduced 37% in the Grade I bracket, and 50% in the Grade III. Don't permit your tires to wear down to the point they can no longer be recapped. The delay in fabricating synthetic rubber into passenger tires because of the shortage of facilities, equipment and manpower will account for a still greater cut in tires next month. There is now a limited eligibility for Grade III tires.

INSTITUTIONAL USERS — There will be no increases for Group III over the allotment for July and August. All unbalanced stocks and supplemental rations granted previous to July 1st are deductable from the July-August allotment.

SACRAMENTO NOW DIVERTED THRU HUGE TUNNEL

The diversion tunnel at Shasta Dam is in full use with the entire flow of the Sacramento River going through it. the United States Bureau of Reclamation announced today.

Rising blocks of concrete in the spillway section turned part of the river through the tunnel on June 26 and continued construction activities in that section have brought the reservoir to a level permitting the tunnel to form a channel for the entire river flow.

Construction Engineer Ralph Lowry said that the actual diversion of a river around a dam usually is a significant event in the history of this kind of job, and a construction man never breathes easily until the river is under control. "By late fall, if the present schedule is carried out, concrete in the spillway section will be so high that it will take a bigger flood than has ever occurred to cause us much trouble," Lowry said.

With the river in the tunnel, a cofferdam across the river bed above the tunnel outlet will prevent backwater from interfering with placing the spillway apron. The apron is a thick layer of concrete placed over the river bed area at the foot of the spillway to prevent the fall of water from eroding the rock at the downstream toe of the dam.

With more than five and one-half million cubic yards of concrete in place Shasta Dam is nearly 88 per cent complete. The pouring schedule on mass concrete will be completed within a year if the present rate of placement is maintained. Since the first concrete was placed in July, 1940, Pacific Constructors, Inc., the general contractor, has manufactured and placed an average of nearly 156,000 cubic yards per month. In the right abutment section, 18 blocks are complete and most of the blocks of the left abutment are ready for the final concrete pour in that area.

In the Shasta Power Plant, the installation of machinery continues, with the assembly of the No. 3 generator well under way. Installation of penstocks for Units 3 and 4 is about 60 per cent complete and the cable and wiring installations are on schedule.

COST OF LIVING SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 17—Steady increase in industrial activity, a halt which is at least temporary, in the upward trend of living costs; and sharp gains in cash farm income are the principal points brought out in the current review of economic conditions, just issued by the research department of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

Industrial activity in California, during the first half of 1943, has established new high records during each succeeding month. As compared with the same period of 1942, employment of factory wage earners has gained more than 47 per cent; factory payrolls have ncreased about 78 per cent; and the number of hours worked is about 5 per cent higher. Contrar to seasonal expectations, the number of employable persons entering California has declined, the total for May of this year being 1,485, as compared to 9,127 a year ago.

The upward trend in the index of living costs in California cities, for the first time in two years, came to a halt, and turned slightly downward. The San Francisco index decreased about one third of one per cent from mid-April to mid-May, and the Los Angedes ndex dropped one per cent. Food costs in Los Angeles remained up, but in San Francisco they dropped slightly more than one per cent. For the nation as a whole, living costs rose slightly, and the food cost index increased 1.7 per cent.

Cash farm income from marketings for the first quarter of this year aggregated $245,065,000, a gain of 34 per cent over the same quarter of last year. Cash income from crops increased 48 per cent, and livestock and livestock products, 16 per cent. Prices received by California farmers for 16 farm products, out of 34 reported, showed decreases from mid-April to mid-May; 9 showed slight increases; and the other 9 remained unchanged.

Expansion of industrial activity is reflected in greatly increased use of electric power. Latest available monthly sales in San Francisco showed a gain of 19 per cent over the same period of a year ago; and in Los Angeles an increase of about 35 per cent.

Department store sales for the year to June 12 were 21 to 25 per cent higher in dollar volume than for the same period of last year. Anaylsis of sales of all independent retailers reveals that sales of nondurable goods continue to register the largest gains, when compared with 1942 reports.

Sheriff and Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen are in receipt of a letter from their cousin, Ainsley Fouyer, U. S. marine who was evacuated. from Guadalcanal after several weeks of fighting on the island. He had been in a hospital recovering from a severe attack of malaria and expected to go into action in a few days.

Letters received by family members Saturday from Bill Hatch, stated he had arrived at Farragut, Idaho and was to be assigned to a company in the next few hours. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy recently. He left San Francisco last week and had a fine trip through Northern California. Oregon, Washington and parts of Idaho, the trip being 1000 miles.

Notice To Voters

The expiration date for registration in order to vote at the special election to be held for election of a congressman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman H. L. Englebright is

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND, 1943

All persons whose registrations were cancelled for failure to vote at the elections (August Primary and November General) must re-register on or before said date.

Also persons who have changed their voting precincts since last voting or who have come into the precinct since January 1st, 1943, must register.

Registration may be made at the County Clerk's office in Nevada City; the stores of Bennetts and Steel, Howard Bennetts and R. L. Jefford, Grass Valley.

R. N. McCORMACK,
County Clerk and Registrar of Voters.

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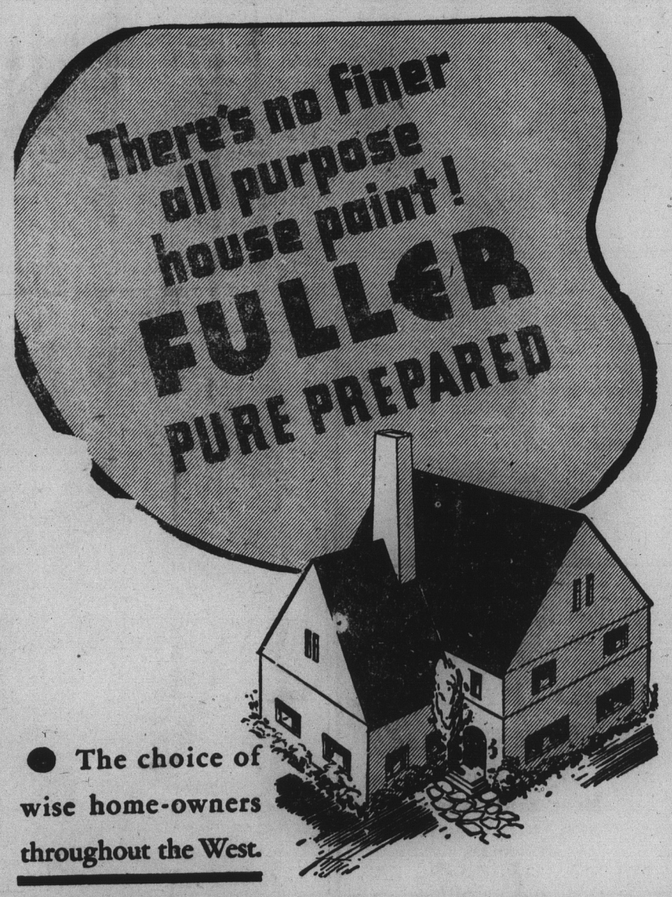

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